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BUXTON ROAD,
DISLEY,
CHESHIRE.

DISLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

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HEALTH COMMITTEE

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(as at December 31st 1959)

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253a London Road,
Hazel Grove,
Nr. Stockport,
Cheshire.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report on the health of the Rural District of Disley for the year ended December 31st, 1959.

The population at mid-year 1959 as estimated by the Registrar General was 3010, a reduction of 40 compared with mid-year 1958. There were 34 live births, one less than in 1958. There were no infantile deaths during the year, but there were 2 still-births. The total deaths from all causes (44) was rather less than the total for the previous year (47). It will be noted however, that there was a considerable excess of deaths over births. This adverse balance has occurred in eight of the last ten years.

There was an outbreak of measles in the early part of the year and an increased number of cases of whooping cough, but otherwise there was no unusual prevalence of infectious disease. There was one new case of pulmonary tuberculosis compared with two in 1958. For the third successive year there were no new cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis.

In conclusion I should like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their continued support and confidence. I should also like to thank the Officers of the Council for their valuable help so readily given to me at all times.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

T. W. BRINDLE,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A

Area in acres	2,118
Population Census 1951	2,863
Population Mid-Year 1959 (Registrar General's Estimate) ...	3,010
No. of Inhabited Houses	1,144
Rateable Value (1st April, 1959) ..	£44,406
Product of a Penny Rate (estimated)	£182

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AREA

The area is hilly in character with a wealth of pleasantly wooded slopes rising from a level of 400 ft., at the River Goyt, to the highest point of 1,018 above mean sea level. On the northwest boundary, the residential area of Jacksons Edge follows roughly the line of the 700ft contour.

VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

1. Births

(a) <u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	21	13	34
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>21</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>34</u>

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population	<u>Disley</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
	1959 11.3	16.5
	1958 11.6	16.4

(b) <u>Still Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	-	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	<u>Disley</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
	1959 55.6	20.7
	1958 59.5	21.6

SECTION A (1959) Continued

VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR -- (Cont'd)

(c) <u>Deaths (General) Rate</u>	Male	Female	Total
<u>All Ages (All Causes)</u>	18	26	44
Death-Rate per 1,000 population	<u>Disley</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>	
	1959 14.6	11.6	
	1958 15.5	11.7	

<u>Deaths (General) Analysis</u>	1957		1958		1959	
<u>Cause of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	-
" (other)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syphilitic Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasms, stomach	-	-	-	1	-	1
" " lung & bronchus	1	-	2	-	1	1
" " breast	-	-	-	-	-	-
" " uterus	-	-	-	1	-	-
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	1	-	2	-	1	2
Leukæ mia, Aleukæ mia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diabetes	-	1	-	-	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	0	6	6	4	8
Coronary Diseases, Angina	2	2	3	1	3	2
Hypertension with heart diseases	1	-	-	1	-	1
Other heart diseases	-	1	-	3	3	4
Other circulatory disease	3	1	5	5	-	2
Influenza	1	1	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	2	-	-	-	-	2
Bronchitis	2	-	1	2	1	1
Other diseases of Respiratory System	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-	-	-	1	-
Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nephritis & Nephrosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-	-	-	2	-
Pregnancy, childbirth & abortion	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	4	4	1	1	-
Motor vehicle accidents	-	1	-	1	-	-
All other accidents	-	-	1	-	1	2
Suicide	1	-	1	-	-	-
Homicide & operations of war	-	-	-	-	-	-
	22	20	25	22	18	26

SECTION A (1959) Continued

VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR - (Cont'd)

Deaths (Maternal Causes)

There was no death attributed to this cause in the District during the year.

Death-Rate (Infantile i.e. Infants under 1 year of age

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age	Nil
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age.. ..	Nil
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age	Nil

Infantile Mortality Rates.

Total Infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

	Disley.	England & Wales
1959	Nil	22.0
1958	28.8	22.5

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate.

(deaths under 1 month per 1,000 live births)..... Nil

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate.

(deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births.. Nil

Perinatal Mortality Rate.

(still birchs and deaths under 1 week combined
per 1,000 total live and still births)55.6

Disley Rural District

Extract from Statistics for the Years

Year	Pop'n at Mid Wn.	Births				Stillbirths				Deaths		Deaths Infants Under 1 year			
		Total	Legit	Illeg.	Rate per 1000	Total	Legit	Illeg.	Rate per 1000 live & stillbirths	All Causes	Rate per 1000 Pop'n	Total	Leg.	Illeg.	Rate per 1000 L.b'ths
1950	3690	33	34	4	12.6	-	-	-	-	46	15.3	1	1	-	26.3
1951	3826	33	32	1	11.7	-	-	-	-	44	15.6	-	-	-	-
1952	2840	47	46	1	16.6	-	-	-	-	44	15.5	2	2	-	42.6
1953	2936	29	29	-	9.9	1	1	-	33.3	31	10.6	2	2	-	69.0
1954	3000	36	35	1	12.0	-	-	-	-	41	13.7	2	2	-	55.6
1955	3010	39	38	1	13.0	1	1	-	25.0	43	14.3	-	-	-	-
1956	3020	40	39	1	13.2	1	1	-	24.4	42	13.9	1	1	-	25.0
1957	3040	42	40	2	13.8	1	1	-	23.3	42	13.8	-	-	-	-
1958	3050	55	55	-	11.6	2	2	-	59.5	47	15.5	1	1	-	28.8
1959	3010	34	34	-	11.3	2	2	-	55.6	44	14.6	-	-	-	-

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Laboratory Facilities are available at the Public Health Laboratory at Mossall and also at Stepping Hill Hospital.

The following services are provided by the Local Health Authority and administered by the North East Cheshire Divisional Health Committee.

Ambulance Facilities. A 24 hour Ambulance Service is available, being provided by the Stockport Corporation and Derbyshire County Council on an agency basis. In addition, a sitting case ambulance is available.

Nursing in the Home. There is one District Nurse in the Area who undertakes general nursing and maternity work.

Home Help Service. Home helps are available in cases of illness, confinement, old age, etc., Home helps have been employed during the year in the following cases in Disley:

	<u>No. of cases</u>
Chronic Sick including aged & infirm ..	7
Confinements	3
Acute Illness	2
TOTAL	<u>12</u>

Infant Welfare Centres. Sessions are held fortnightly at the Council Offices. Attendances during the year were as follows:-

Centre Disley	New Cases	Total Attendances.		
	0 - 1 yr.	0 - 1 yr.	1 - 2 yrs.	2 - 5 yrs.
	36	439	251	204

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisation. Special arrangements are made for immunisation to be performed at the end of each Welfare Session. In addition, immunisation is carried out free of charge by general medical practitioners.

Services provided by the Regional Hospital Board

Hospitals. There is no hospital within the Rural District, and patients from this area are admitted to hospitals in neighbouring districts.

Maternity cases requiring hospital accommodation are also admitted to hospitals outside the area. Where necessary, infectious disease cases other than smallpox are admitted to the Stockport Isolation Hospital. Facilities for smallpox cases are provided at Ellswick Leys Smallpox Hospital,

SECTION B (1959) Continued

Lancashire, and at the Ainsworth Smallpox Hospital, near Bury.

Tuberculosis and Venereal Diseases. Special clinics for the diagnosis and treatment of Tuberculosis and Venereal Diseases are held at Stepping Hill Hospital and Great Egerton Street, Stockport, respectively.

SECTION C

GENERAL SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

1. Water. The area is supplied by the Stockport Corporation Water Undertaking and most of the houses in the district are connected to the mains. A few farms and isolated houses situated on high ground are supplied by natural wells and springs, a few having boreholes. The situation of these premises and the physical characteristics of the land render the cost of laying mains prohibitive and an almost impossible task.

The water supplied to the district is chemically treated, filtered, and chlorinated, and is subject to frequent bacteriological and chemical analysis by the Stockport Corporation, and has proved satisfactory. The main road and lower areas of the district are supplied from Kinder and the higher part from the Goyt Valley supply.

Unusually dry weather during the spring and summer of 1959 reduced the amount of water available from the storage reservoirs to a dangerously low level. As a result it became necessary at the end of September to impose restrictions on the use of water by cutting off supplies from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. each day and appeals for economy in the use of water were made. A return of the rainy weather in November prevented the need for even more drastic measures and enabled restrictions to be removed.

2. Drainage and Sewerage. The greater part of the district is sewered and two sewage disposal works are owned by the Council. Most houses are connected to the sewers and those properties which are not, are in isolated positions.

Samples of effluent from both disposal works taken during the year by the Mersey River Board were found to be generally satisfactory.

The improvement of the Waterside Sewage Disposal Works, which consisted of the erection of a river bank retaining wall, renewal of filter media, re-erection of a disused percolating filter and repairs to two other filters, provision of a new distributor and provisions of a water supply, was completed during the year and is functioning satisfactorily

GENERAL SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES - (Cont'd)

3. Rivers and Streams. The River Goyt forms the Northern boundary of the District, and the Bollinghurst Brook is the South Westerly boundary. The effluents from the Waterside and Coppice Sewage Works discharge respectively into these.

4. Sanitary Accommodation

Water Closets	...	...	...	1,129
Privies	...	...	...	13
Pail Closets	...	...	...	21
Ashbins	...	...	...	1,138

5. Public Cleansing. A direct labour refuse service is operated by the Council and has functioned satisfactorily. Refuse, and the contents of pail closets have been collected each fortnight. Trade refuse is collected weekly, for which the Council make an appropriate charge.

Household refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at the Council's Tip in Greenshall Lane. After discharge the refuse is raked over and covered by a layer of overburden sand and the face of the tip is also dressed with sand and dried sewage sludge.

6. Rodent Control. A Rodent Operator is employed on five $\frac{1}{2}$ -days in each alternate week. Regular inspections and treatments of the sewage disposal works and refuse tip have been carried out.

48 infestations at private property and 7 business premises were treated.

7. Sanitary Inspections. The following number of inspections were made during the year.

Houses	Public Health Act	and	Housing Acts	(primary)	..	8
"	"	"	"	"	"	(statutory) .. 17
"	reinspections	...	...	...	...	14
"	re improvement grants.	...	...	...	...	26
Council Houses	...	...	...	...	...	247
Factories (power)	...	...	...	...	...	12
" (non-power)	...	...	...	...	...	7
Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	25
Rodent Control (period 1/4/59 to 31/12/59)	...	...	...	...	...	245
Refuse Disposal and Collection	..	...	...	...	...	56
Sewerage and Sewage Disposal	...	...	...	...	...	54
Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	64
Water Supply.	...	...	...	...	...	30
Schools.	...	...	...	...	...	1

SECTION C (1959) - Continued

GENERAL SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES - (Cont'd)

7. Sanitary Inspections (Contin'd)

							brought forward	806
Moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	-
Watercourses	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	5
Smoke observations	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	3
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	-
Petroleum Storage	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	3
Food Control	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75
								<hr/> 892 <hr/>

8. Smoke Abatement Observations were made at two factories and no formal action was found to be necessary.

9. Camping Sites There is one permanent site in the district which is occupied during the summer months only by members of a National Girls' Organisation. The camp is well managed.

SECTION D

HOUSING

1. Housing - Clearance Areas, etc.

Demolition Orders under the provisions of Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957 were served on an owner in respect of two dwellinghouses.

2. New Housing During the year 13 private houses were completed and at December 31st, 1959 there were 5 private houses under construction.

3. Housing Improvements 9 houses were improved during the year. 4 of these consisted of converting existing bedrooms into bathrooms, indoor waterclosets being also provided in most cases. In 4 cases Improvement Grants were paid under the provisions of the Housing Act.

SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Meat Inspection. There is one licensed slaughterhouse in the district at Newtown - all animals were inspected by the Council's Meat Inspector.

Animals Inspected	Meat Condemned
Cattle 217	2 whole carcase
Sheep & Lambs 1125	(cattle
Pigs 40	6 beasts heads
Calves Nil	1 beasts lungs
	29 beasts livers
	8 sheeps plucks
	48 sheeps livers

2. Food Inspection. All food shops have been regularly inspected and advice has been given where necessary on the handling of food and maintenance of premises. No foodstuffs were found to be unfit for human consumption.

3. Food Premises in the District

Licensed Premises	11
Catering Premises	7
Works Canteens	3
School Canteens	1
Butchers Shops	3
Wet Fish Shops	2
Fish and Chip Shops	1
Grocers	6
Greengrocers	3
Bakers	1
General Stores	6
Registered Ice Cream Dealers	8
Confectioners	4

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SECTION E (1959) - Continued

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD (Continued)

4. Food Sampling. Sampling of food in the district is carried out by the Inspector of Weights and Measures Department, Cheshire County Council.

5. Food Poisoning. No cases of food poisoning were notified during 1959.

Food poisoning in other districts, believed to have been caused by a named brand of tinned ox tongue, necessitated visits to 7 public houses, 2 restaurants and 13 shops to ascertain whether any of the tongue had been consumed, sold or held in stock in the Disley Rural District. It was ascertained that the suspected brand of ox tongue had not been on sale in the district.

6. Milk.

The number of persons retailing milk within the district is as follows:-

9 registered distributors, of whom 6 have their premises situated outside the district.

6 dairy farmers, retailing designated milk not of their own production. These are registered by the Ministry.

The following licences were issued under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1949 to 1954:-

	<u>Dealers</u>	<u>Supplementary</u>
Tuberculin Tested	8	7
Pasteurised	8	6
Sterilised	7	6

Analysis of Milk Samples

Designation	Number taken	Meth. Blue Test		Phosphatase Test		Animal Inoc.,		Turbidity	
		P.	F.	P.	F.	N.	P.	N.	P.
Pasteurised	4	4	-	3	1	1	-	-	-
T.T. (Past.)	7	7	-	6	1	1	-	-	-
T.T.	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Sterilised	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Totals	15	12	-	9	2	3	-	3	-

P = Passed. F = Failed. N = Negative. P = Positive

SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

- (a) General Number of cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year:-

Measles.....	52
Whooping Cough.....	10
	<u>62</u>

- (b) Analysis of Notified Infectious Diseases

Disease	Under 1	1- 2	3- 4	5- 9	10- 14	15- 24	25 & over	Total
Whooping Cough	-	2	1	7	-	-	-	10
Measles	-	6	12	33	-	-	1	52
Totals	-	8	13	40	-	-	1	62

- (c) Diphtheria Immunisation. During the year the following children were immunised in the Council's area:-

	<u>Under 5</u>	<u>Schoolchildren</u>	<u>Total</u>
Primary	26	-	26
Re-immunisation	-	6	6

SECTION F (1959) - Continued

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES - (Cont'd) PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES - (Cont'd)

(d) Tuberculosis	Cases on Register:-				
	Males		Females		Total
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
Cases on Register 1.1.59	15	2	8	6	31
Cases notified in 1959.	1	-	-	-	1
Cases removed in 1959.	16	2	8	6	32
Cases on Register 31.12.59	1	-	2	-	3
	15	2	6	6	29

SECTION G

ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACTS

Inspection of factories was carried out during the year and all premises were found to be generally satisfactory.

The number of premises and inspections is as follows:-

Premises	Number on Register	Number of Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Number of Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Secs. 1,2,3,4 and 6 are enforced by the Local Authority	6	5	-	-
(2) Factories not included in above in which Sec. 7 applies.	19	13	-	-
(3) Other premises (excluding outworkers premises)	4	4	-	-
Totals	29	22	-	-

Outworkers Notice has been received of one outworker resident in the Disley Rural District.

